



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY

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Dear Parents,

Last year we made a decision to change the format of the school swimming carnival and only have competitive swimmers participate, for 3 reasons:

1. We were unable to find a Swimming Centre that would allow us to use a second pool for novelty events.
2. We believed that it was unfair to have so many children attending the carnival (300 students who had elected not to swim for various reasons) who would only sit and watch for 4 hours. We believed that we could offer these students a fun day experience at school which was very successful.
3. The cost of hiring the pool and transporting the students, when most of them were not involved in swimming, was becoming very high.

This decision was well received, by many parents but a significant number also felt there was a lack of participation and spirit.

This year we have been able to secure the indoor pool at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. It will cater for our large numbers with the added benefit of a large outside area. We will be able to use this area for the non-swimmers to participate in water-fun activities.

The plan is to rotate students through some fun activities while we continue with the indoor competitive races. As always, all children are welcome to participate in the races to gain points for their team and perhaps be chosen to for the Zone team. They do need to be able to swim a minimum of 50m. More details about the carnival will be sent home soon.

I'd like to thank those parents who spoke to me and expressed their concerns about last year's carnival and to Mrs Kuchta who put forward the current proposal. We will evaluate the success of this day, with feedback from parents, so that we can continue to provide an enjoyable experience for the students.

Yours faithfully

Michael Hopley
Principal